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Mr. Davis thought the change reasonable and desirable. Senator Gorham hoped the bill would pass. The plank roads, as a general thing, have benefitted everybody except those who have built them. Third reading.

Senator Jones, from committee on Finance, reported amended bill to legalize tax roll of township of Shiawassee, and

THIRD READING OF BILLS  
Bill to incorporate city of Battle Creek,  
passed—yes 24 nays 0 Take effect

Bill to amend charter of city of Saginaw. Passed—ayes 24, nays 1. Immediate effect.

Bill to extend limits and jurisdiction of city of Ann Arbor, relating to burial grounds. Passed—ayes 25, nays 0. Immediate effect.

Bill to amend law restricting amount of

Bill to enlarge boundaries of I. Ancestral Park in Hamilton county. Passed—ayes 25, nays 0.

- ☐ Bill to amend law relating to bills of exceptions was passed.
- ☐ Bill to legalize tax roll of Shawansee—passed.
- ☐ Bill to amend charter of village of Tipton—immediate effect.

Bill to amend plank read twice. Passed.

2 o'clock P. M.

Bill to improve road in Saginaw county. Passed.

Bill for the benefit of School District No. 4 of Vassar, and No. 2 of Tuscola. Passed. Immediate effect.

Bill to amend plank read twice. Passed.

Mr. Tower brought up the constitutional question forbidding making grants to religious trusts. Senator Kennedy replied. This question came up on the bill to release the security of United Brethren from the payment of \$150. Senator Jones not excused from voting, and he voted No. Bill lost.

Senator Cough moved to reconsider.—Recommitted to Judiciary committee. with

Bill to amend law relating to recognizances in criminal cases. Passed. Immediate effect.

Bill to authorize stockholders of Detroit & Chicago Grand Trunk Railway Co. to vote by proxy. Immediate effect.

Bill to amend an act to improve highways in Oakland, Genesee, Tuscola and Saginaw. Passed—immediate effect.

Bill to change name of Fremont, Alpena county, to Alpena. Passed—immediate effect.

Bill to change the name of Montrose, Genia county, to Muir. Passed—immediate effect.

Twenty-one bills passed—a pretty good day's work.

The Senate then went into committee of the whole on the special order, which was the bill to amend law for drainage of the lower Mississippi valley.

swamps, marshes, and other low lands, approved March 17, 1857. Senator Conger in the chair. Various amendments were suggested, and much discussion sprung up. Committee rose and asked to be discharged. Senate then concurred in gross in committee's amendments. Senator Dodge moved to lay on the table. Carried.

Senator Hayden, from com. on claims, reported in favor (with joint resolution) of petition of Wm. Davidson and Walter McTaverty. Third reading.

Senator Jones, from com. on finance, reported a bill to extend time for collection of taxes in Albion, Calhoun county, with an amendment. Concurred in. Third

Reading. Also in township of Allegan with a new section, providing for collection of back taxes. Third reading. Also in answer to petition of citizens of Paw Paw, in favor of allowing Paw Paw Railroad to charge 25cts for transporting passengers from Lawton to Paw Paw, with a bill.—Also bill to authorize Baptist Church and society to mortgage real estate.

Committee on roads and bridges, Midland, Bay, Tuscola, and Huron; also Clinton, Gratiot, Shiawassee and Genesee counties. Third reading.

Senator Conger, from com. on Judiciary to whom was recommitted a bill to reimburse certain payment for land, by church and society of United Brethren, with an amendment providing that the society pay the

Senator Bortz, from com, on State Affairs, reported a bill to repeal the law authorizing subscription for Michigan Journal of Education. Tabled and printed.

Senator Cough read, on leave, the indignant memorial of Alanson Shully.—Referred to com. on Finance.

Senator Pennoyer, asked leave to read

private letter, asking relief for money lost in the mail.

Senator Birney reported in the favor of Mrs. Henry D. Rogers, the lady who has four children all at once. The committee were overwhelmed by the number and respectability of the petitioners, and therefore report bill with amendments. Adopted. Third reading. Special order of the day.

The Gratiot and Isabella relief bill came up, concurred in by the House. Immediate effect. Also, as to all the Smith family. Also, to change name of Boston, Louisiana, and divers and sundry other names of places and individuals.

The Florida bill, passed by the House

Bill to extend time for collection of taxes in Erie, Monroe county. Rule suspended.